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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF
FIREARM AFTER FELONY CONVICTION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that

JAMES CUSHENBERRY, 32, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted

today by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis with possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Indianapolis Police Department.

CUSHENBERRY was arrested on December 10, 2002, in the vicinity of 900 S. Moreland after

Indianapolis police officers observed him stumbling down the middle of the street with a beer

can in his hand and a loaded .22 caliber handgun in his possession.

The indictment alleges that CUSHENBERRY has prior felony convictions for intimidation,

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pointing a firearm, theft, receiving stolen property and carrying a handgun without a license.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who is prosecuting the case for the government, CUSHENBERRY, if convicted, could be sentenced to up to ten years in prison.

CUSHENBERRY also faces a maximum possible fine of \$250,000.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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